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Anne R. Kopf-Sill, et al.

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) Group Art Unit: 1743

) Examiner: Jan M Ludlow

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DECLARATION

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Sir:

I, Carol T. Schembri the undersigned inventor, hereby declares as follows:

1. That Anne R. Kopf-Sill and myself are joint inventors of the subject matter claimed in U.S. application Serial No. 09/834,300 and I have reviewed and understand the claims as amended in the response filed in connection with the office action dated July 15, 2003.

2. That all of the work carried out in making the claimed invention was done in the United States of America.

3. That we are familiar with the Tech Update and Abaxis Inc. references cited and applied in the office action of July 15, 2003.

4. That the named inventors developed, directed and supervised the scientific protocol and the course of experiments leading to the disclosure in Tech Update and Abaxis Inc.

5. That the disclosure of Tech Update and Abaxis Inc. reveals the work carried out by the named inventors or by others supervised by the named inventors.

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